

Feastday of Kateri

April 17

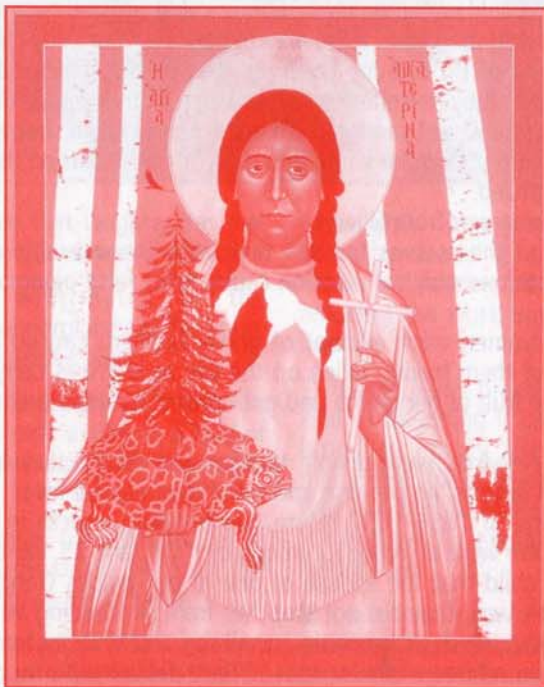
Celebration

In Canada : April 22 • In U.S.A. : July 8

Celebration in Kahnawake

Special Mass at 10:30

Brunch following at K. of C. Hall



Icon by Robert Lenz

"The symbols of the Iroquois remind us that differences in culture are not threats to Church unity, but gifts of the Holy Spirit. Every people and culture brings to the Church new insights for understanding the Gospel. After three centuries, Kateri's people are beginning to return to the wisdom of their own culture. They may have first received the Gospel from the French, but they remain Iroquois Christians."

Blessed Kateri Request for Miracle

Lord, have mercy on us. Christ have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us. Christ hear us.

Kateri, lily of purity, consoler of the heart of Jesus,
bright light for all Indians, pray for us.

Kateri, courage of the afflicted, lover of the cross of Jesus,
flower of fortitude for the persecuted, pray for us.

Kateri, unshakeable in temptations, full of patience in suffering,
keeper of your virginity in persecutions, pray for us.

Kateri, leader of many Indians to the true faith through your love
for Mary, pray for us.

In lands both here and far, female children are raised in ignorance to be sold into drudgery when barely women. Fleeing often avails them not, as prostitution can be their only employment. Those that marry face little better, being useful for little more than kitchen slaves and so turning their husbands into slavemasters. For these children, we beseech thee, Blessed Kateri, for intercession: to turn a culture of hateful wolves into lands of peaceful flocks, we beseech thy intercession. That all men and women everywhere see the miracle of your intercession and the majesty of our Lord's power, we plead for thy intercession.

Kateri, who loved Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, pray for us.

Kateri, who traveled many miles to learn the faith, pray for us.

Kateri, who loved to pray the rosary for all people, pray for us.

Kateri, example to your people in all virtues, pray for us.

Kateri, humble servant to the sick, pray for us.

Kateri, whose scarred face in life became beautiful after death, pray for us.

Mary, pray for us.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, spare us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, graciously hear us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

LET US PRAY

O Jesus, who gave Kateri to the Indians as an example of purity, grant her the ability to cause all men to love purity.

O Mary, who raised a Savior, grant Kateri the ability to make these repressed children true mothers as you were.

(PRAYER FOR THE CANONIZATION OF BL. KATERI TEKAKWITA.)